

**MISCELLANEOUS READING.**  
**SNOBBISH HIGH LIFE.**  
The country is running wild. Extravagance, folly, and fraud are the great prevailing vices of the times—the grand characteristic of the age. It is manifestly more or less in our cities and villages, and its influence is seen in the debasement of men and women, and the complete ruin of children. Every successful speculator or fortunate operator

bor, the lucky banker or the money-making grocer; and to do this, without regard to expense, away they go into the marble and satin, the rosewood and silver, keep extravagant carriages with horses to match, and give parties where Brussels and Wilton outvie in their color the silks and the wine which make up the chief part of the entertainment. Up goes the new house, with all

the decoration which a vulgar or a refined taste may suggest. Up it goes into the air, a huge pile, or a fantastic residence, but not a room in it for the comfort of the owner or family—all of it for show and the public gaze. The women flaunt about in lace and laziness, or recline upon soft cushions in fine carriages, neither knowing whether this money that keeps them up be stolen or honestly gained. They are happy in the fact that

For an American of fortune—real solid fortune—to dash into all this extravagance, is folly; but that man is guilty of downright wickedness who, upon a little money, goes to vast and foolish expense; for he must rob somebody to carry out his plans; or if he has enough to warrant it all, his children,

will have all the silly and extravagant notions of their father without his money to give them reality. Out of all this miserable life there spring evils worse than bankruptcy. The sins of the father are visited upon the children to the third generation. Of what use to society are the children of such people? Sons who have been educated to believe that all this splendor constitutes the best of life,

Nice creatures, these, for a life battle in a world where energy and industry and endurance are worth to them more than all the airs, graces and style that they learned in

the paternal drawing of foreign masters, but of this struggle to excel in this sort of life there spring, too, fraud and chicanery, and all manner of crime; for in the contest, gold, gold, is the aim of all—the means are not regarded. The sensible part of the community laugh at this folly, and laugh loudly, too, at coarse vulgarity parading itself in gay equipages, and moving about with all the

people elevated above their fellows by a stock operation or a rise in town lots, and rejoicing thereafter in flashy and in gaudy houses.

If they made fools of themselves alone, it would all be proper enough. But the effect upon their families and upon society is most to be dreaded.

In a country where the law divides among a man's heirs all his estate after death, un-

es are that the property will not remain in the family beyond the second generation, it is utter folly to build palaces to live in; far better would it be to expend the same money in building schools or founding asylums, the benefit of which the rich man's heirs may need. On, on, goes our American life!—leeter-skelter—hurly-burly—on it goes!—dash, make a sensation—get money—honestly

**FOR TO CONSUMPTIVES.**—The advertiser having been restored to health in a few weeks, by a very simple remedy, after having suffered several years with a severe *Lung Affection*, and that dread disease, Consumption, *—is anxious to make known to his fellow-sufferers the means of cure.* To all who desire it he will send a copy of the prescrip-

par used (Free of Charge) with the same success in preparing and using the same, which they will find a cure Cure for Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitis, &c. The only object of the advertiser in sending the prescription is to benefit the afflicted, and he hopes every sufferer will try his remedy, as it will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing. Parties wishing the prescription will please address:

REV. EDWARD A. WILSON,  
Box 26—w8w Williamsburg, Long Island.

—JOHN A. FIELD here longs to remind

friends, that he is a candidate for the office of  
 Sheriff of Alexandria City and County, at the  
 next election, and respectfully solicits their votes.  
 He refers to his past conduct as a guarantee for  
 the future. aug 18—cont

FOR A CARD.—Expecting at the proper time  
 to announce myself as a candidate for the Sherif-  
 ily of Alexandria County, I have to request that  
 my friends will not commit themselves to others.  
 aug 16—contf WM. A. HART.

JUST RECEIVED, an entire stock of Fresh  
 Goods, consisting as follows:  
 20 boxes Oranges; 15 boxes Lemons  
 35 boxes Raisins, whole, half, and quarters  
 1 bale Bordeaux Almonds

1 " Cream Nuts; 1 bale Fibberts  
10 bushels Ground Nuts; 1 cask Currants  
2 frails Dates; 1 keg Tamarinds  
1 case very fine Preserved Ginger  
An assortment of new TOYS, with Fancy Articles;  
a lot of Mocking Bird Cages and Canary  
Bird Cages; also, a fine assortment of Fancy  
Candy, of my own manufacture. Also, 1 cask  
Canary and 1 cask of Hemp Seed, with a fine  
assortment of Canary Birds. The above Goods will

Confectionery, No. 3 North Fairfax street.  
aug 10—tf

**A VALUABLE FARM AT PRIVATE SALE.**  
—The "CLISH FARM" within one mile of Alexandria, on the Great Hunting Creek, containing ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO ACRES. The proximity of this farm to Alexandria, as well as its superior soil, would make it a most desirable and profitable DAIRY and GARDEN FARM. It is hardly possible for any one

tain in the immediate neighborhood of Alexandria, so desirable a farm.

The said farm will be sold in whole or divided into lots to suit purchasers.

Any one wishing to purchase will call upon J. H. MONROE, No. 36 Queen street, or the undersigned.

ELIZABETH HARRISON,  
Executrix of J. D. Harrison, dec'd.

July 6—cont

TENDER THREAD, SAXONY YARN, all wool

I and guaranteed to be the best Yarn manufactured, all numbers and all sizes. I am now receiving my stock of the above goods, and solicit a call from those who have been buying this Yarn for a number of years, and to all who want a good article of Yarn, I would say, try it.

W. B. RICHARDS, Jr.,  
aug 31 Agent for the Factory.

**WINDOW CURTAINS AND SHADES,**  
**OF ALL THE LATEST STYLES, AND THE**  
**BEST QUALITY.**

For sale low at J. P. CLARKE'S  
 on 15 Window Furnishing Store, 158 King st.  
 WOOL purchased by ROBINSON & PAYNE.